

All SAFE Volunteers must:

- Be a person with a developmental disability or a family member of a person with a developmental disability;
- Submit an application with references;
- Undergo a background screening performed through the Division of MRDD;
- Complete required trainings; and
- Meet program requirements.

If you are a person with a developmental disability or a family member of a person with a developmental disability and would like to volunteer for SAFE or if you would like more information about SAFE, please contact:

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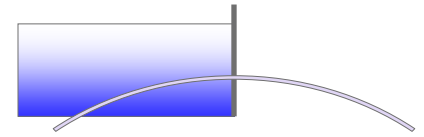
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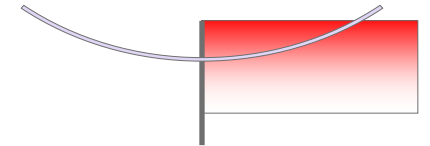
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About SAFE...

Self Advocates and Families for Excellence (SAFE) is a statewide volunteer organization consisting of people with developmental disabilities/self advocates and family members of people with developmental disabilities. SAFE is a component of the Division of MRDD's Quality Assurance review process.

Trained and approved volunteers will work together with the Division to conduct survey visits with individuals who receive a Division or waiver funded residential or day habilitation service. Consents from the individual or their guardian must be given before a visit can be scheduled.

Volunteers use a standardized survey tool when conducting visits with individuals to help gather information about the services they receive; how individuals feel about their lives; and to help ensure the presence of the Missouri Quality Outcomes in their lives.



“Missouri Quality Outcomes”

The Missouri Quality Outcomes were developed by individuals with developmental disabilities and their families and friends, direct care staff, provider agencies, and division of MRDD staff.

The Outcomes are a result of the Division working closely with and listening to people to identify the essential values that individuals said must be present in order to support them in living the lives they want. The Outcomes also describe what must be present in order to maintain a quality service delivery system.

The Outcomes are used as guiding principles to the Division of MRDD and provider agencies when developing or enhancing support services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. They serve as a foundation for gathering information on how well the support services are meeting quality outcomes for persons supported. The Outcomes also assist with identifying the support service strengths as well as areas for enhancement.

The 16 MO Quality Outcomes identified for individuals are:

- People belong to their communities;
- People have a variety of personal relationships;
- People have valued roles in their family and community;
- People are connected with their past;
- People's communication is understood and receives a response;
- People are provided behavioral supports in a positive way;
- People are provided supports in a manner that creates a positive image;
- People express their own personal identity;
- People have control over their own life;
- People have the opportunity to advocate for themselves, for others, and for causes they believe in;
- People's plans reflect how they want to live their lives, the supports they want and how they want them provided;
- People live and die with dignity;
- People feel safe and experience emotional well-being;
- People are supported to attain physical wellness;
- People are actively supported throughout the process of making major lifestyle changes;
- and
- People are supported in managing their own homes.